

## **Moran Announces New Veterans Outpatient Clinic for Johnson County**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran, a senior member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee where he serves on the Subcommittee on Health, today announced that a Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Johnson County is expected to be approved as part of legislation authorizing medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This legislation, S.1717, recently passed the Senate and following approval by the House of Representatives this week will be signed into law.

"Veterans in the Johnson County area deserve timely access to medical care and I have been working to make sure the VA recognizes this," Moran said. "The new outpatient clinic will mean closer medical services and less wait times for a large number of Kansas veterans who currently travel to the Kansas City VA Hospital in Missouri for health care. With passage of this legislation, I am pleased the VA can move forward on this clinic to provide quality medical care for those who sacrificed so much for our country."

Moran worked with the VA, the Kansas City VA Medical Center and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to establish the CBOC for Johnson County.

The new Johnson County veterans' clinic will provide comprehensive outpatient services,

including mental health, as well as radiology, laboratory services and a pharmacy. It is estimated that occupancy of the to-be-determined facility will begin in June 2012.

Since first coming to Congress, Moran has been a strong proponent of establishing CBOC's in Kansas and has helped open five other outpatient clinics in the state including Hays, Dodge City, Salina, Junction City and Hutchinson.

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